

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Craig A.T. Jones, Vice Mayor Jean Mordo, Councilmember Breene Kerr and Councilmember Mike O'Malley
Absent: Councilmember Dean Warshawsky
Staff: City Manager Carl Cahill; City Engineer/Public Works Director Richard Chiu, Finance Director Nick Pegueros, Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Public Safety Officer Steven Garcia, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Eric Christensen, City Attorney Steve Mattas, and City Clerk Karen Jost

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN#182-21-003

Agency Negotiator: Carl Cahill and Steve Mattas

Negotiating Parties: Town of Los Altos Hills and Jurvetson

Under Negotiation: Disposition and payment of terms

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Signification exposure to litigation

PUBLIC SESSION

Council reconvened to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

City Attorney Steve Mattas reported out of Closed Session: Direction was given; there was no reportable action.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to limit comments from the floor to two minutes.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Administration of Oath to Large Animal Rescue Volunteers

Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia introduced the item to Council. In 2004, the City Council adopted the "Large Animal Evacuation Plan". At that time, there were few volunteers to activate the program during an emergency. Garcia acknowledged the efforts of Los Altos Hills County Fire District Emergency Coordinator Michael Sanders, Westwind Community Barn Manager Ceasar Bisano and Fremont Hills Country Club Barn Manager Richard Sereni in soliciting the volunteers with the appropriate knowledge, skills and equipment to move large animals to safety during an emergency. Currently there are seventeen volunteers. Garcia introduced the members in attendance: Sinead Devine, Eileen Durham, Nicole Roths, Maryjo McVay, Russell Peterson, Kimberly Carpenter, Laura Gerst, Gustavo Jiminez, Richard Sereni, Antonio Vargas, Richard Sereni, Ulli Sharma, Laura Wainwright and Ceasar Bisano.

Following the volunteers introduction to the Council, the City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to the assembled group.

The Council thanked the volunteers for their commitment to assist the Town and provide safe harbor for large animals during an emergency.

2. PG&E Recap of January Storm Impact in Los Altos Hills – Darren Deffner, Government Relations Representative

Darren Deffner, PG&E, thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide an overview of the January storm's impact on PG&E services. Accompanying Deffner were Papia Gambelin, PG&E Government Relations Representative and Elissa Carrol, Superintendent, Maintenance and Construction.

Deffner provided a recap of the recent January storm. He noted that it had affected 2,212,801 customers system-wide and was considered by the utility company to be one of the largest storms relative to customer service in 20 years. 95% of their customers' power was restored within 24 hours. However, the storm had resulted in 50,621 customers being without service for over 72 hours. Deffner deferred the presentation to Gambelin to review the storm's specific impact on Los Altos Hills.

Gambelin proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation. She offered that customers of Los Altos Hills had experienced a significant outage with most service restored within the first six hours. Approximately 5% of the residents had been affected longer than 72 hours. Gambelin reviewed PG&E's restoration process. For safety reasons, the crews work a continuous 32 hour shift and then another 16 hour shift with 8 hours off. The emergency schedule conserves the work force and enables longevity during a storm. All crews and staff were employed during the restoration process.

Gambelin reviewed the current strategy employed by the company for restoration of service during a storm. First, they conduct an assessment of the damage and perform an evaluation of the equipment and time needed for the appropriate repairs and management

of vegetation issues. Communication to customers of the expected duration of the outage followed with the restoration of service is their ultimate goal.

Vice Mayor Mordo requested clarification on the number of customers affected in Los Altos Hills (3,747) that had been provided in the PG&E overview. He noted that there were approximately 3,000 parcels in Los Altos Hills. Gambelin explained that each service disruption had been included in the total with some residents experiencing several outages during the storm.

Mordo offered that he had requested Council discussion of Ordinance 503 (Eucalyptus Tree Ordinance) in conjunction with PG&E's presentation and not as it appeared on the meeting agenda as a separate item (agenda item #20). He noted that the ordinance did not address trees that affected power lines and queried if many of the outages were a direct result of downed trees or branches impacting power lines.

Elissa Carrol, PG&E Maintenance and Construction Superintendent, responded that it was dependant on the type of storm, however, it was appropriate to say that over 50% of the outages could be assigned to downed limbs, branches or trees impacting power lines.

Mordo questioned if it would be helpful for the Town's ordinance to focus on trees affecting power lines to alleviate the potential problems and reiterated that this was his primary reason for agendizing the ordinance for discussion. He shared with Council a notification that he had received from PG&E regarding trees on his property and requested clarification.

Council concurred that it was appropriate to reorganize the agenda to permit discussion of agenda item #20 in conjunction with PG&E's presentation.

Darren Defner offered that PG&E reviews each issue of vegetation management on a case by case basis. He noted that the vegetation management staff was always looking to partner with residents to resolve the issues presented by Vice Mayor Mordo. Defner explained that the company removes trees at no cost to the resident when there is a potential safety issue with electrical wires and provides a coupon for a replacement tree. However, residents are often reluctant to accept vegetation management solutions brought to them by PG&E.

Carrol suggested that trees were a very sensitive issue with homeowners. The company was governed by the California Public Utilities Commission regarding guidelines that pertained to primary service lines. The guidelines regulated the amount of trimming they were permitted to perform. Carrol noted that PG&E does not trim trees on residential properties that impacted customers' service drops noting that these were the responsibility of the resident. Funding for the program was for the maintenance of primary service lines only. She suggested that it might be beneficial for a PG&E vegetation management representative to speak to the issue.

Vice Mayor Mordo questioned if it would be of any benefit to PG&E for the Town's ordinance to focus on those trees that impacted primary service lines and assist them with their maintenance effort. Mordo noted that a downed power line often had a financial

impact and created an inconvenience to Town residents in general, besides the property owner.

Council Questions and Comments:

Councilmember O'Malley congratulated the representatives on their efforts during the last storm. He suggested that their emergency number to report outages be better publicized.

Councilmember Kerr concurred and noted that PG&E had been actively working in Town over the course of the past several years to trim trees that affected power lines. He suggested that residents often prefer to trim their trees themselves rather than have PG&E contractors perform the work.

Mayor Jones suggested that it was critical to restore power in Los Altos Hills as quickly as possible given the nature of the Town's topography and demographics and thanked them for their service.

Council consensus was to schedule for their discussion a review of the current ordinance to determine if it was appropriate to amend the ordinance to include trees that jeopardize primary power lines to the ordinance. Staff was directed to invite a representative from PG&E's vegetation management program to participate in the discussion.

Councilmember Kerr added as a "sidebar" that the Environmental Initiatives Committee had been tasked by the City Council with the investigation of different energy and resource conservation strategies. Currently the committee was focusing on a program that would involve voluntary participation by residents that could potentially reduce the energy consumption of the Town as a whole by 15%. He asked Defner to contact him regarding their potential partnership with the Town on the effort and perhaps assisting with a pilot program. Defner acknowledged the Town's leadership in energy programs and suggested that they would be pleased to work with the Town on the project.

OPENED PUBLIC COMMENT

Jitze Couperus, Page Mill Road, commented that trees that impinge on power lines are a threat in the summer during fire season as well as the winter. He encouraged the Council to revisit the issue.

CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT

Council thanked the PG&E representatives for their presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTIONED SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to approve the items on the consent calendar; specifically:

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Regular City Council Meeting January 10, 2008
4. Acceptance of 2nd Quarter Investment Report for the Period Ending

December 31, 2007

5. Approval of Amendments to Personnel Policies and Employee Benefits Manual
Resolution No. 5-08
6. Acceptance of Grant of Open Space Easement, Lands of Russ and Navarro; 12374
Melody Lane, File #96-07-ZP-SD-GD
Resolution No.6-08
7. Adoption of Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 10-1.508 (Estate Homes
Ordinance) CEQA Review: Exempt pursuant to Section 15308-Ordinance No. 511
Motion to Waive Further Reading Motion to Adopt the Ordinance
8. Acceptance of the Foothill College Bike Lane/Pathway (Moody/El Monte Roads
Segment #2) Project – Resolution No.7-08
9. Award of Contract for Environmental Consulting Services for the El Monte Road/Foothill
College Pathway and Bike Lane Project (Segment 3) – Resolution No. 8-08
10. Acceptance of the Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement Project at Moody Road;
EPS, Inc.–Resolution No. 9-08
11. Consideration of 2000 Park Bond Project Application (Staff E. Christensen)
Resolution No. 10-08 and Resolution No. 11-08

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Kim Cranston, West Fremont Road, requested that the City Council agendaize for their consideration at their next meeting, a proposal regarding the relocation of a pathway in front of his residence. He had discussed the issue with staff and presented it to the Pathways Committee. Cranston commented that the Committee had approved the pathway's relocation. He suggested that by moving the pathway approximately 5 feet, the Town's and their potential liability of people being injured on the path by the Eucalyptus trees along the path would be reduced. It would also help to minimize the cost of maintaining the trees.

Ginger Summit, Pathways Committee Chair, clarified that the Cranstons had requested a review of their pathway issue by the Committee. The Committee had supported their request for a realignment of the path in deference to their hardship in maintaining the trees but had required that the new path be constructed in accordance to IIB roadside path specifications.

Vice Mayor Mordo offered that there were several components to the Cranstons' pathway issue. First, the feasibility of trimming only one side of the Eucalyptus trees as a maintenance option; and, second, who would be responsible for the costs associated with the path's realignment.

Councilmember O'Malley requested that the item be scheduled for Council discussion at a future meeting.

City Manager Cahill clarified that the issue of the path's realignment and the required timeline for trimming the trees were different issues and suggested that they should be addressed separately. He advised that a professional arborist should be the one to determine if trimming one side of the identified trees presented any safety issues.

Clyde Noel, Dawnridge Drive, extended an invitation to the City Council to a presentation on local government to be held at the Los Altos Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The scheduled session is part of the Leadership Program, "LEAD" offered by the Los Altos Community Foundation.

Eric Clow, Central Drive, commented that he had attended the neighborhood meeting at Westwind Barn that had been scheduled at the facility to provide an update on the restoration plans. He concurred that there were valid safety reasons for the proposed parking plan but hoped that mitigation measures to screen the parked cars from the road could be acted on quickly. He suggested that planting fast growing shrubs this spring would diffuse some of the negative sentiment regarding the parking area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Certificate of Correction for Parcel Map No. 710, Pages 28 & 29; Lands of Rogez

City Engineer Richard Chiu introduced the item to Council. Council had before them the Certificate of Correction for Parcel Map No. 710 that would terminate the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of Storm Drain Easements that had been part of the subdivision requirement and had been deemed no longer necessary. The property owner was working directly with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to provide the necessary easements for flood protection, storm drain and construction purposes. The new "Flood Protection Easement Areas" to be obtained by the Santa Clara Valley Water District would replace the "Storm Drain Easement Area" offered to the Town.

The Planning Commission had reviewed the issue at their January 17, 2008 meeting and voted 5-0 in favor of recommending approval of the Certificate of Correction. Chiu noted that members of the Adobe Creek Collaborative concurred with the proposed modifications.

The staff report before Council included the findings in support of the Final map Amendments.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

Jitze Couperus, Page Mill Road, member of the Adobe Creek Collaborative noted that he was available to answer any questions.

Staff commented that there had been no public opposition to the map modifications.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by Kerr and passed unanimously to approve the Certificate of Correction Amending a Final Map to terminate the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of Storm Drain Easement Series No. 14545156 subject to the staff recommendation for the simultaneous recordation of the Termination of Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of Storm Drain Easement and Quitclaim Dead following the recordation of the easements granted to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for Flood Protection, Mitigation and Temporary Construction.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

13. Lands of Goese: A request for a Site Development Permit for a Landscape Screening Plan for a New Residence; 13480 Wildcrest Drive (File #205-07-ZP-SD) CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15304(b)

Planning Director Debbie Pedro reported that the Planning Commission at their January 17, 2008 meeting had reviewed three projects. They included: the Certificate of Correction on tonight's agenda that had been earlier considered by Council; a landscape screening plan for a new residence, Lands of Goese; and, a proposal for a new residence, Lands of Los Altos Homes, LLC. The Site Development Permit for Lands of Goese had been unanimously approved. The Planning Commission had continued the review of the new residence for Lands of Los Altos Homes and directed the applicant to return with a landscape screening plan that would address concerns that had been expressed by the neighbors regarding view and privacy impacts. The applicants were also to consider the implications of relocating the house to mitigate view impacts of an adjacent neighbor. The application was for a residence over 10,000 square feet.

Councilmember Kerr requested Council be notified of the Planning Commission's review of the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN GOALS (14A-14F)

14A. Significantly Enhance Resident Access to Recreational Facilities

Westwind Community Barn:

Councilmember Kerr provided a status report on the Westwind Community Barn project. He noted that staff had met with the neighbors' of Westwind Barn to review the parking configuration; routine repairs to the facility were ongoing; and, the Supporters of Westwind Community Barn have actively begun fundraising efforts for the restoration project.

Town's Little League Fields:

City Engineer Richard Chiu reported that an initial meeting of the “stakeholders” had been held. The expectation was for the preliminary conceptual drawings to be available for review at the end of February and for the contract documents to be before Council for their consideration mid-May. Construction was tentatively scheduled for mid-July and would last for approximately three months.

Council asked for the plans to be agendized for the City Council’s comments at the first meeting in March.

14B. Return Public Elementary School Education to Los Altos Hills

Mayor Jones advised Council that the letter authorized by the City Council to Superintendent Skelly, Palo Alto Unified School District had been sent. The letter expressed their concerns that the Fremont Hills site appeared to be in a permanent state of rental to a private school and was not being included on any agenda for consideration of improvements to the campus. Jones noted that he had a personal conversation with Dr. Skelly regarding the correspondence and the Superintendent was currently drafting a response.

Duncan MacMillan provided an update to Council on recent education issues. The Los Altos School District Board, at their last meeting, had approved a proposal for intra-district transfers to Bullis-Purissima Elementary School to have equal preference with inter-district transfers. Inter-district transfers (from PAUSD) would be viable for seven years with the intra-district transfers requiring an annual application. The Town’s advertisements in the Town Crier and Palo Alto Daily notifying residents of the time frame for priority registration for intra-district transfers had been published. MacMillan noted that the full day LASD Kindergarten program was currently slated to continue at the Bullis campus with the final vote by the District Board scheduled for next week. He believed for the new school to be successful it was imperative that it be identified as a K-6 campus.

14C. Develop a Plan for Expanded Sewer Access to More Residents

Councilmember Mike O’Malley reported that the Ad Hoc Infrastructure Committee would be reporting their findings to the Council on the sewer survey results at the second council meeting in February.

14D. Maintain and Build Off and On Road Pathways Already Approved on the Pathways Master Plan

Ginger Summit, Pathways Committee Chair, reported that the pathways map had been sent to the printer. She requested Council review of the cover letter that would be included in the mailing.

14E. Complete the Redrafting and Approval of the Town General Plan

Councilmember O'Malley reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met last week and this week to review the Land Use Element update. Standing Committees would be afforded an opportunity to comment on the revisions. The expectation was for the General Plan Element to be scheduled for the Planning Commission's review in April and then forwarded to the City Council for a Public Hearing.

14F. Complete the Undergrounding Pilot Project

City Engineer Richard Chiu reported that a preconstruction meeting for the project was scheduled for next week and offered that he would have a better understanding of the construction start date following the meeting.

15. Consider Approval of Amendments to the Town's Reimbursement and Expense Policy

Council had before them staff recommended amendments to the Town's Expense and Reimbursement Policy. The proposed amendments included: approval by a member of the City Council or City Manager for refreshments to be served at a working lunch and prior City Council authorization if alcoholic beverages were to be served for an event.

Following a brief discussion, Council determined that it would be appropriate to require prior authorization by a Councilmember in lieu of the Council as a whole for the expense reimbursement of alcoholic beverages to be served at a public event.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to amend the proposed "Authorized Expenses" to read "Alcoholic beverages except as specifically authorized in advance by a City Councilmember for Town sponsored public events at public facilities".

16. Appointment to the CHASE Board of Directors (continued from 1/10/2008)

Councilmember Kerr volunteered to serve as the Council's representative on the CHASE Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

Addition of Urgent Item to the Agenda:

City Attorney Steve Mattas explained that an item had been brought to the City Manager's attention after the meeting agenda had been posted and action was required prior to their next regularly scheduled council meeting. If the Council wished to take action on the item, it would require a unanimous vote of the Council given the absence of Councilmember Warshawsky. Item under discussion: Letter to Supervisor Liz Kniss regarding the imposition of an Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness Fee.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to agendize the draft letter for their consideration.

City Manager Cahill offered that staff had been advised yesterday (1/23/08) by the Sheriff's Department of the proposed fee. The Board of Supervisors would be considering the proposed 911 and Disaster Preparedness fees at their January 29, 2008 meeting. If passed, the County would require phone companies to attach the fees to phone charges for everyone in the county. Cahill noted that staff had identified several issues of concern in the proposed legislation that were applicable to the Town and the residents.

Duffy Price, Los Altos Hills County Fire District Commissioner, explained that the District also intended to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors. The District's Counsel was reviewing the proposed fees. Price noted that the Fire District currently provides Emergency Disaster Preparedness training to residents at no charge. In addition, a phone notification process for emergency messages to residents was in place. She suggested that it would be appropriate for the County to provide additional time for analysis of the proposal.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously that the letter before Council on the dais be forwarded to Supervisor Liz Kniss and the Board of Supervisors under the signature of Mayor Jones.

17. Consideration of Resolution Ordering the Preparation of Engineer Estimates and Hiring of Professional Advisors to Assist Staff in Forming a Sewer Assessment District

City Engineer Richard Chiu introduced the item. Before Council on the dais was the final iteration of a resolution to initiate proceedings to form a benefit assessment district to construct sewer works and improvements in the West Loyola neighborhood. Residents of the area had delivered a petition with signatures of approximately 85% of the neighbors in support of the formation of the sewer benefit assessments district that would finance construction of the sewer infrastructure. Approval of the resolution would allow the Town to move forward with the execution of agreements with the necessary professionals to prepare the Engineer's Report. The Report would be provided to the Council at a later date for their approval. The Report would also provide the necessary details to the affected property owners regarding estimated construction costs for the project and assessment values for each of the benefited properties.

City Attorney Steve Mattas clarified that the resolution before the Council on the dais had several modifications from the version that had been provided in the packet. The changes were not substantive relative to the direction that had been provided by Council. He reviewed the changes and noted that paragraph seven (7) addressed the issue of costs that would be incurred with the preparation of the Engineer's Report, including staff time and legal costs. The resolution required a reimbursement agreement be signed by a majority of the benefited parcel owners and a necessary deposit be placed with the Town prior to the start of any work. If the Sewer Assessment District was formed, the initial costs could be included in the assessment. Mattas explained that this insured that if the proposed Assessment District should fail, the Town's General Fund would not be charged with the advance costs.

Vice Mayor Mordo requested clarification on the map and information provided in the packet. Staff noted that the information had been provided by the applicant and to-date, no work has been performed by staff or the “assessment engineer” on the proposal. He questioned if the petition provided in the packet was binding to the signatories. Mattas explained that they were only bound by the actual Proposition 218 vote.

OPENED PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Larson, Berkshire Drive, spoke on behalf of the West Loyola Neighborhood. He commented that the residents were in agreement with the final staff recommendations and revisions to the resolution. He encouraged the Council to approve the resolution and offered that they were very motivated to move forward with the project and hoped to begin construction early summer 2008.

Richard Chiu clarified that the Town’s cost estimate for the deposit was \$50,000.

CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously (4-0-1 with Warshawsky absent) to adopt Resolution No. 12-08“Initiating Proceedings Pursuant to the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913 for the Construction of Sewer Works and Improvements in the West Loyola Neighborhood.”

18. Approval of the Town’s Community Emergency Response and Preparedness Program and Request for Funding (Staff-S. Garcia)

Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia introduced the item to Council. The intent of the Community Emergency Response and Preparedness Program (CERPP) was to train Town residents to be self-sustaining for several days during a major disaster. The Program (CERPP) would provide the critical interface for all agencies involved in emergency preparedness and response training for residents. With the Council’s approval of CERPP, the Town’s Public Safety Officer would manage the Program and determine how Homeland Security grant funds and matching COPS funds were spent. Funds would be used for training Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers, purchasing radio equipment, CERT exercises and recruitment for CERT volunteers.

Council had before them a staff report that identified the necessity for CERPP; the composition of the program including outside agencies; the provisions and functions of the program; and, the role of the program during times of non-disaster and disaster.

Garcia requested Council approval the Community Response and Preparedness Program and authorization to use COPS funding in an amount to match the \$5,512 CERT Grant.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by O’Malley, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to recognize and approve the Town’s Community Emergency

Response and Preparedness Program and to authorize matching funds be allocated from COPS funds in an amount equivalent to the CERT Grant (\$5,512).

19. Discussion of City Council Meeting Schedule (Staff-K. Jost)

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to cancel the February 28, 2008 City Council meeting.

Staff was directed to return the Council meeting schedule to the first meeting in March for additional discussion.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ON OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Mayor Jones reported that he had met with Chairs and representatives of each Standing Committee for a roundtable discussion of committee priorities. He commented that the meeting had been very beneficial and recommended that the sessions be continued by future Mayors.

Vice Mayor Mordo suggested that it might be useful to expand the meeting to include the Council as a whole and perhaps meet on a quarterly basis.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager – no report

City Attorney – no report

City Clerk – no report

COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS

20. Review of Ordinance 503 (Eucalyptus Trees)-Vice Mayor Mordo

Considered in conjunction with agenda item #2.

21. Continued Study of Incentives and Guidelines for Green Buildings- Mayor Jones

He requested that Santa Clara County Cities Association and Silicon Valley Leadership Group report on recommended “Green” building policies that accompanied the agenda item in the packet be referred to the Environmental Initiatives Committee for their review.

Councilmember Kerr, EIC liaison, offered that the Town had provided leadership on environmental issues in the past. It now appeared that many of the surrounding communities are “catching-up” and the committee has been discussing next steps for the Town. One item of interest has been the development of voluntary energy audits with personalized assistance per residence that could potentially save 15% of the overall energy usage by the entire Town.

The Committee is also investigating water conservation “models” that could be incorporated into the Little League Fields improvement projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the City Council at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jost
City Clerk

The minutes of the January 24, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as presented at the February 28, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting.